

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 514

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

CRIME/ARSON: Amends the crime of simple arson

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:52(A), relative to the crime of simple arson; to expand the
3 definition of simple arson; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 14:52(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §52. Simple arson

7 A. Simple arson is either of the following:

8 (1) ~~the~~ The intentional damaging by any explosive substance or the setting
9 fire to any property of another, without the consent of the owner and except as
10 provided in R.S. 14:51.

11 (2) The starting of a fire or causing an explosion while the offender is
12 engaged in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of another criminal offense
13 even though the offender does not have the intent to start a fire or cause an
14 explosion.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds unintentionally causing a fire or explosion while committing another crime to the definition of simple arson.

Present law provides for the crime of simple arson and defines simple arson as the intentional damaging by any explosive substance or the setting fire to any property of another, without the consent of the owner.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and adds the following to the crime of simple arson: starting a fire or causing an explosion while the offender is engaged in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of another criminal offense even though the offender does not have the intent to start a fire or cause an explosion.

(Amends R.S. 14:52(A))